

Financial statements of

**East Central Ontario
Regional Council of
The United Church of Canada**

December 31, 2022

East Central Ontario Regional Council

The United Church of Canada

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**INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW
ENGAGEMENT REPORT**

To Executives of East Central Ontario Regional Council of The United Church in Canada

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of East Central Ontario Regional Council of The United Church in Canada, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2022, the statement of operations, statement of changes in fund balances and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.



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Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of East Central Ontario Regional Council of The United Church in Canada as at December 31, 2022, and its results of operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Comparative Information

The financial statements of East Central Ontario Regional Council of The United Church in Canada as at and for the year ended December 31, 2021 were reviewed by another practitioner who expressed an unmodified conclusion on those financial statements on December 9, 2022.

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Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Vaughan, Canada

November 7, 2023

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Statement of financial position

as at

(amounts in Canadian dollars)

	Operating Fund	Restricted Funds (schedule 1)	Endowment Funds (schedule 2)	Property Funds	December 31, 2022 Total	December 31, 2021 Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets						
Current						
Cash	1,963,339	-	-	-	1,963,339	1,047,912
Accounts receivable (note 5)	-	-	-	14,848	14,848	27,996
	1,963,339	-	-	14,848	1,978,187	1,075,908
Due from/to other funds	(1,268,660)	637,994	-	630,666	-	-
Investments (note 6)	188,600	454,849	157,740	-	801,189	786,604
	883,279	1,092,843	157,740	645,514	2,779,376	1,862,512
Liabilities, deferred revenue and fund balances						
Current						
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 7)	8,251	18,500	-	352,332	379,083	187,764
Deferred revenue (note 8)	-	-	-	-	-	17,060
Fund balances						
Internally restricted - schedule 1	-	782,865	-	-	782,865	183,448
Externally restricted - schedule 1	-	291,478	-	-	291,478	288,820
Endowment - schedule 2	-	-	157,740	-	157,740	157,740
Unrestricted	875,028	-	-	293,182	1,168,210	1,027,680
	883,279	1,092,843	157,740	645,514	2,779,376	1,862,512

Approved by the Board

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**Regional
Executive Secretary**

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Treasurer

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

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Statement of operations for the year ended

(amounts in Canadian dollars)

					December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
	Operating Fund	Restricted Funds (schedule 1)	Endowment Funds (schedule 2)	Property Funds	Total	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue (note 9)						
General Council Office assessment funded grants	427,075	-	-	-	427,075	401,375
Mission support grants	240,000	-	-	-	240,000	240,000
Ontario regional council archive grants	20,161	-	-	-	20,161	20,161
Net proceeds from disbanding churches and property sales	596,103	-	-	1,063,947	1,660,050	970,613
Donations, registration and other revenue	11,180	2,735	-	-	13,915	13,435
	1,294,519	2,735	-	1,063,947	2,361,201	1,645,584
Expenses (note 9)						
Salaries, benefits and continuing education	308,609	-	-	-	308,609	292,953
Grants	133,775	200	-	1,047,029	1,181,004	1,093,604
Meetings and travel	31,965	4,912	-	-	36,877	2,373
Office administration	9,660	-	-	-	9,660	10,467
Ontario Regional Council Archives fees	40,322	-	-	-	40,322	40,322
Professional fees	26,077	-	-	-	26,077	16,653
General Council Office service fees	19,132	-	-	-	19,132	19,278
Resources	7,830	2,750	-	-	10,580	11,380
Property and insurance	174	260	-	-	434	289
Bank charges	486	-	-	-	486	173
	578,030	8,122	-	1,047,029	1,633,181	1,487,492
Net revenues (expenses), before items below	716,489	(5,387)	-	16,918	728,020	158,092
Investment returns	3,226	8,434	2,925	-	14,585	182,050
Net revenue	719,715	3,047	2,925	16,918	742,605	340,142

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Statement of changes in fund balances

for the year ended

(amounts in Canadian dollars)

	December 31, 2022					December 31, 2021
	Operating Fund	Restricted Funds (schedule 1)	Endowment Funds (schedule 2)	Property Funds	Total	Total Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Fund balances, beginning of year	751,416	472,268	157,740	276,264	1,657,688	1,317,546
Net revenues (expenses)	719,715	3,047	2,925	16,918	742,605	340,142
Interfund transfers (schedule 1 and note 10)	(596,103)	599,028	(2,925)	-	-	-
Fund balances, end of year	875,028	1,074,343	157,740	293,182	2,400,293	1,657,688

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Statement of cash flows for the year ended

(amounts in Canadian dollars)

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
	Total	Total
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net revenue	742,605	340,142
Non-cash items		
Investment returns	(14,585)	(182,050)
	728,020	158,092
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	13,148	(27,996)
Loans receivable	-	9,620
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	191,319	68,682
Deferred revenue	(17,060)	17060
Total cash provided	915,427	225,458
Cash, beginning of year	1,047,912	822,454
Cash, end of year	1,963,339	1,047,912

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Schedule 1

Schedule of Restricted Fund Balances

for the year ended

(amounts in Canadian dollars)

	Januray 1, 2022 Balance	Revenue	Expenses	Investment returns	Interfund transfers (note 10)	December 31, 2022 Balance	December 31, 2021 Balance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Internally Restricted							
The Shining Waters Legacy Fund	183,448	-	-	3,314	-	186,762	183,448
Communities of Faith Assistance Fund	-	-	-	-	596,103	596,103	-
	183,448	-	-	3,314	596,103	782,865	183,448
Externally Restricted							
The Library Networking & Clustering Fund	20,406	-	-	369	-	20,775	20,406
Bursary Fund	108,627	635	-	1,974	2,925	114,161	108,627
Queen's Theology Alumni Executive Fund	6,019	-	-	109	-	6,128	6,019
Queen's Theology Alumni Annual Conference Fund	30,537	2,100	(4,472)	509	-	28,674	30,537
Queen's Theology Rural Ministry Symposium Fund	30,759	-	(3,650)	490	-	27,599	30,759
Stewardship Initiatives Project Fund	10,546	-	-	190	-	10,736	10,546
Learning Grant Fund	691	-	-	12	-	703	691
Eldorado United Chrch Accessibility Fund	37,393	-	-	675	-	38,068	37,393
Library & Resource Ministry Fund	40,673	-	-	735	-	41,408	40,673
IBE	3,169	-	-	57	-	3,226	3,169
	288,820	2,735	(8,122)	5,120	2,925	291,478	288,820
Total	472,268	2,735	(8,122)	8,434	599,028	1,074,343	472,268

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Schedule 2

Schedule of Endowment Fund Balances

for the year ended

(amounts in Canadian dollars)

	Januray 1, 2022 Balance	Investment returns	Transfers to Bursary Fund (note 10)	December 31, 2022 Balance	December 31, 2021 Balance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Oshawa Trust Fund	102,740	1,905	(1,905)	102,740	102,740
Staples Bequest Fund	27,500	510	(510)	27,500	27,500
Gladys Margaret McCord Memorial Scholarship Fund	27,500	510	(510)	27,500	27,500
Total	157,740	2,925	(2,925)	157,740	157,740

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1. The East Central Ontario Regional Council, The United Church of Canada

The purpose of East Central Ontario Regional Council, The United Church of Canada ("the Regional Council") is to be responsible for providing leadership and resources to the pastoral charges within its assigned geographical boundary in order that the life and work of Jesus Christ may be known in The United Church of Canada ("The Church") and in the world.

The Regional Council is the regional headquarters, in East Central Ontario, for The Church. The Regional Council was established as a result of the restructuring of The Church on January 1, 2019. The Regional Council is an unincorporated entity and, as a Canadian registered charity, is exempt from income tax.

2. Basis of presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations ("ASNPO") established by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada ("CPA Canada").

Fund Accounting

The Regional Council uses the restricted fund method of reporting restricted donations. The funds are described as follows:

Operating Fund

This fund records the day-to-day operations of the activities under the control of the Regional Council, which include governance and, development and delivery of programs to support: pastoral relations; local faith communities; social justice and outreach ministries; faith formation; and right relations ministries. This fund includes contributions, donations, bequests, grants and other receipts of the Regional Council for specific and general purposes. These resources are unrestricted.

Internally Restricted Funds

Internally restricted funds (see Schedule 1) account for transfers, approved at meetings by the executive, to various reserve accounts and the individual transactions charged to these reserves in support of selected ministries. These funds are included in the statement of financial position under the caption "Restricted Funds".

Externally Restricted Funds

Externally restricted funds (see schedule 1) have specific restrictions placed by the donors on the initial contributions ("capital") and the use of investment returns accruing to these funds. These funds are included in the statement of financial position under the caption "Restricted Funds".

Endowment Funds

Endowment funds (see schedule 2) account for contributions received in which the contributor has specified that the capital be permanently maintained as an endowment. Investment income earned on the endowment funds is recorded as revenue of the fund and transferred to the externally restricted Bursary Fund (schedules 1 & 2).

Property Funds

These funds account for net proceeds from disbanding congregations, church property sales and allocations from the Operating Fund. These funds are used to provide assistance by grants to The Church's ministries, communities of faith, learning events and, other church related entities and programs.

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3. Summary of significant accounting policies and practices

The significant accounting policies followed by the Regional Council with respect to its regional accounts are as follows:

Cash

Cash includes cash held for liquidity purposes in bank accounts.

Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognized at fair value, adjusted for transaction costs. Except for investments, the Regional Council subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost. Financial assets measured at amortized cost include accounts receivable. Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Investments are carried at fair value. The purchase and sale of investments are accounted for using settlement date accounting. Investment management fees are expensed as incurred.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue consists primarily of grants from The General Council Office of The United Church of Canada ("the GCO") and contributions from disbanding congregations as they dispose of their property and distribute their net assets. Grants received from the GCO are recognized in the fiscal year in which they are received. Net proceeds from disbanding congregations and property sales are recognized as revenue when received or receivable based on the date of the passing of the Regional Council motion to disband the congregation or approve the property sale. Registration fees from the semi-annual general meetings, workshops and events are recognized in the period in which they occur. Investment returns are recognized as earned and comprise; interest and dividend income; fair value changes; and investment management fees.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect: the reported amounts of assets and liabilities; disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements; and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. The Regional Council makes estimates in determining significant accrued liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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4. Financial instruments risk disclosures

The main risks the Regional Council's financial instruments are exposed to consist of market risk (including interest rate risk, price risk and currency exchange risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The investment committee was formed by the Executive Committee and has established a Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures ("SIPP"), which it uses to manage the above-noted risks. There have been no significant changes to the above noted risk exposures from 2021.

The following describes the various risks and how the Regional Council addresses such risks:

Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk is comprised of interest rate risk, currency risk and other price risk. Management manages this risk with a diversified investment portfolio.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk refers to the risk that the fair value of financial instruments and future cash flows associated with the instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The Regional Council's exposure to interest rate risk arises from its interest-bearing assets.

Currency Risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The Regional Council does not have investments denominated in foreign currency.

Other Price Risk

Other price risk refers to the risk that the fair value of the financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from currency risk or interest rate risk), whether those changes are specific to the individual instrument or its issuer or factors affecting all similar instruments trading in the same market. The Regional Council is exposed to market risk through its investment in mutual funds. Management manages this risk by selecting mutual funds that are diversified as to industry and geography.

Credit Risk

The Regional Council is exposed to credit risk resulting from the possibility that counterparties default on their financial obligations, or if there is a concentration of financial obligations which have similar economic characteristics that could be affected by changes in economic conditions, such that the Regional Council could incur a financial loss. The Regional Council's maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying values of its cash and accounts receivable. The Regional Council's cash is on deposit with a Canadian Chartered bank and therefore the Regional Council is not subject to significant credit risk. The Regional Council's accounts receivable includes amounts due from related parties. There is no significant exposure to credit risk.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Regional Council cannot meet its commitments when they become due. Liquidity risk also includes the risk of the Regional Council not being able to liquidate assets in a timely manner. The Regional Council's management manages this risk by reviewing expected cash flow requirements through its budgeting process, anticipating investing and financing activities and holding assets that can be readily converted into cash.

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5. Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable totals \$14,848 (2021 - \$27,996) from related parties.

6. Investments

Investments total \$801,189 (2021 - \$786,604) and consists of units in an income and growth mutual fund managed by Frontier Capital Funds having earned a return on investment totaling \$14,585 (2021 - \$182,050) as reported on the statement of operations and included in the year end investment balances.

7. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities total \$379,083 (2021 - \$187,764) of which \$370,832 (2021 - \$169,823) are due to related parties: \$18,500 (2021 - \$18,500) funds raised for a pilgrimage; \$212,876 (2021 - \$109,869) payable to The GCO arising from the sale of church property and disbanding congregations; \$75,636 (2021 - \$20,727) to the United Church of Canada Foundation ("Foundation"); and \$63,820 (2021 - \$20,727) to the Toronto United Church Council ("TUCC").

8. Deferred revenue

Deferred revenue totals \$nil (2021 - \$17,060) and includes proceeds of a sale of church property that was contested and is now resolved.

9. Related party transactions

Grant revenue

The Regional Council received assessment and mission support grants totaling \$667,075 (2021 - \$641,375) from The GCO; \$20,161 (2021 - \$20,161) from the Ontario Regional Council Archive Fund, a joint program of The GCO and the Ontario regional councils, for 50% of the annual archive fees.

Net proceeds from disbanding churches and property sales

Net proceeds from disbanding churches and property sales totaling \$1,660,050 (2021 - \$970,613) were received from disbanding churches and church selling property, and represent 60% and 30%, respectively, of funds raised by the congregations. These net proceeds are subject to The Regional Council's distribution policies requiring such proceeds to be distributed and retained as follows:

a. Disbanding congregations:

- i. 10% to the Indigenous Ministries of The Church;
- ii. 10% to the Mission & Service Fund of The Church;
- iii. 10% to the Mission & Service Endowment Fund of Foundation;
- iv. 10% to the Toronto United Church Corporation ("TUCC"); and
- v. 20% to the Communities of Faith Assistance Fund within the Internally Restricted Funds of the Regional Council.

b. Church property sales

- i. 10% to the Indigenous Ministries of The Church;
- ii. 5% to Mission & Service Fund of The Church;
- iii. 5% to the Mission & Service Endowment Fund of Foundation; and
- iv. 10% to the Communities of Faith Assistance Fund within the Internally Restricted Funds of the Regional Council

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9. Related party transactions (continued)

Expenses

Grant and fees were paid to related parties as follows from:

- 1) Operating Funds
 - a) \$132,000 (2021 - \$69,059) mission support grants to church related entities;
 - b) \$19,132 (2021 - \$19,278) of fees to The GCO for accounting services, information technology support and incorporated ministries administration;
 - c) \$40,322 (2021 - \$40,322) of fees to the Ontario Regional Council Archive Fund for archive services; and
 - d) \$1,775 (2021 - \$nil) to a congregation.
- 2) Property Funds
 - a) \$1,047,029 (2021 - \$932,812) of grants from the Property Funds were issued or accrued to: The GCO (2022 - \$526,531; 2021 - \$284,997); the Foundation (2022 - \$267,408; 2021 - \$28,150); and the TUCC (2022 - \$253,090; 2021 - \$619,665) as a result of the above noted distribution policy.

10. Interfund transfers

Interfund transfers from the Endowment Funds to the Externally Restricted Funds totaled \$2,925 (2021- \$47,500) in compliance with the terms of the Endowment Funds that excess income is to be transferred to Bursary Fund in Externally Restricted Funds. In order to better preserve the capital of Endowment Funds, only the fund balance exceeding 110% of the original capital contributions is transferred each year.

A total of \$596,103 was transferred from the Operating Fund to the Restricted Funds to create the Communities of Faith Assistance Fund with contributions retained by the Regional Council resulting from the above noted distribution policy.

11. Comparative figures

Certain comparative figures in the statement of operations were reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.